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GENEVA FOR ASHLEY C. HEWITT

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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH KAPEND ON UNCTAD COPPER CONSULTATION

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1. REF A ARRIVED JUST AS EMBOFFS LEFT FOR LUNCH WITH KAPEND. HE WAS GRATIFIED BY MR. HEWITT'S INVITATION AND ACCEPTED FOR HIMSELF AND THE HEAD OF THE ZAIRIAN DELEGATION, CITIZEN ZUSHI, NEW COUNSELOR AT THE DEPT. OF MINES. ZUSHI HAS JUST BEEN APPOINTED CHIEF OF DELEGATION RATHER THAN GENERAL MOLONGYA, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. KAPEND WILL BE STAYING AT THE HOTEL DE LA POSTE, 62, RUE DU GRAND PRE, GENEVA, TELEPHONE NO. THREE-FOUR-THREE-ZERO-ZERO-THREE.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF USG CONCERNS ABOUT UPCOMING MEETING (REFTEL B) KAPEND FELT THERE WERE THREE MAIN POINTS AT WHICH USG AND ZAIRIAN CONCERNS COINCIDED. (A) QUESTION OF GRATUITOUS PARTICIPA-
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TION IN DISCUSSIONS OF UNCTAD MEMBERS WITHOUT STAKE IN OUTCOME OF

TALKS (B) MAINTENANCE OF MOMENTUM BEGUN IN MARCH, PARTICULARLY OF WORK PROGRAM (C) USE OF EXISTING STUDIES. KAPEND FELT THAT DISCUSSION OF STABILIZATION MECHANISMS DURING THE SEPT 27 MEETING WOULD BE PREMATURE AND PROBABLY LEAD TO A BREAKDOWN OF THE MEETING. KAPEND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WILL BE A PUSH FOR G-77 AND UNCTAD IV IDEOLOGY ABOUT COMODITIES, BUT OPINED THAT FINANCING OF MECHANISMS AND LINKING OF COMMODITIES COULD PROVE TOO CUMBERSOME FOR INCLUSION IN THE COPPER CONSULTATION FRAMEWORK. KAPEND HOPED A COMPROMISE COULD BE DEVELOPED BUILDING ON THE MARCH LANGUAGE WHICH SAID, ACCORDING TO KAPEND, THAT THE COPPER MEETINGS WOULD TAKE NOTE OF DECISIONS IN OTHER FORA.

3. KAPEND WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND SEPT. 17 CIPEC MEETING AND SAID AS FAR HE KNEW, KINSHASA HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THAT MEETING. BUT KAPEND ADDED THAT ZAIRE, ZAMBIA, PERU, CHILE, AND INDONESIA WERE SUPPOSED TO PUT TOGETHER A JOINT POSITION AS THAT TIME. HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE RELATIVELY MODERATE.

4. FOR HEWITT: KAPEND IS IN A SOMEWHAT ANOMALOUS POSITION; HE WAS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE MARCH MEETING; THIS TIME HE'S NOT EVEN HEAD OF ZAIRIAN DELEGATION. HIS BOSS, GENERAL MOLONGYA, IS TRYING TO PLACE HIS OWN HENCHMEN IN THE DEPT. OF MINES; KAPEND HAS BEEN RETAINED, ALTHOUGH SLIGHTLY DEMOTED, BECAUSE OF HIS FAMILIARITY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FORA WHICH BEAR UPON ZAIRE'S MINERAL INTERESTS, AND HIS EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPT. HE IS LIKELY TO REMAIN THE MAIN FORCE IN THE GOZ DELEGATION. WE BELIEVE HE COULD BE A USEFUL BRIDGING PRODUCER/CONSUMER POSITIONS AND WOULD ENJOY THE CHALLENGE OF SUCH A ROLE. KAPEND MAY BE LATE IN ARRIVING TO GENEVA (HE IS SUPPOSED TO ARRIVE THERE 25 SEPT.); INTERNAL DEPT. OF MINES POLITICS, AND BANK OF ZAIRE'S LACK OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE PREVENTED HIS ATTENDING CIPEC MEETING AND DELAYED HIS DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA.

5. THERE IS POSSIBILITY CITIZEN NASIBU, A BRUSSELS-BASED REPRESENTATIVE OF SOZACOM (ZAIRE'S COPPER MARKETING COMPANY), WILL ATTEND. HE HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO EMBASSY IN PAST AND HEWITT OR OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION MIGHT PROFITABLY MAKE HIS ACQUAINTANCE. CUTLER

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